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THE GUARDIANS OF DESIRE, CHAPTER 2



A
BEHELIT
?!



Y-YOU
KNOW
WHAT
THIS
IS?!



....!





...BUT AT LEAST HE WAS STILL HUMAN.

IN THOSE DAYS THE COUNT WAS A DIFFERENT PERSON. HE WAS CRUEL...



...THE
COUNT
CHANGED!



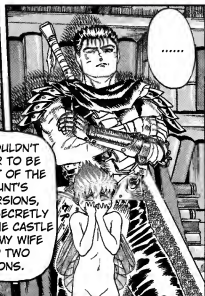
BUT SEVEN
YEARS AGO,
AFTER GETTING
HOLD OF THIS
THING...

"SLICING THEM OPEN,
CHOPPING THEM UP,
VIOLATING THEM, AND
THEN EATING THEM."

"HE BEGAN TO
TREAT PEOPLE
AS IF THEY
WERE MERE
PLAYTHINGS,
DISSECTING
THEM ALIVE..."

"HIS INQUISITION
OF HERETICS
BECAME NOTHING
MORE THAN AN
EXCUSE TO
ACQUIRE MORE
BODIES."





BUT ON OUR
WAY OUT WE
WERE CAUGHT
AND THROWN
INTO PRISON.

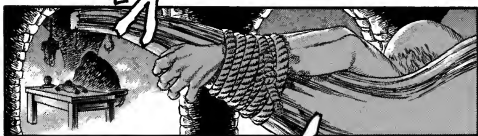
I COULDN'T
BEAR TO BE
A PART OF THE
COUNT'S
DIVERSIONS,
SO I SECRETLY
FLED THE CASTLE
WITH MY WIFE
AND TWO
SONS.

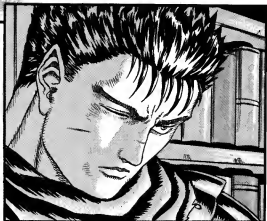
.....

"EVEN NOW
THE IMAGE
IS SEARED
INTO MY
MEMORY!"

AND RIGHT
BEFORE
MY EYES,
HE TOOK
MY WIFE...
AND MY
SONS!

THEN
THE FIEND
HACKED
ME UP...







...I
WAS...

...I WAS
NOTHING BUT
A PRISONER
OF FEAR.



AT
THE
TIME...

...MORE THAN
ANGER OR
SORROW...



...MORE
THAN
CONCERN
FOR MY
WIFE
AND TWO
SONS...



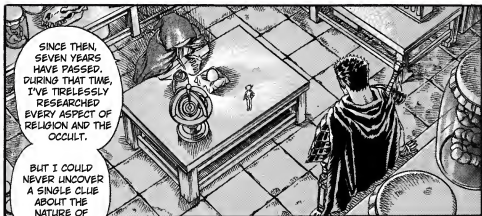
I USED
A DRUG
THAT I'D
CONCEALED
TO FEIGN
MY DEATH.

.....

AND WHEN THE
OPPORTUNITY AROSE,
I SLIPPED OUT OF
THE CASTLE, TAKING
THIS THING WITH ME.
IT WAS A MIRACLE.



.....



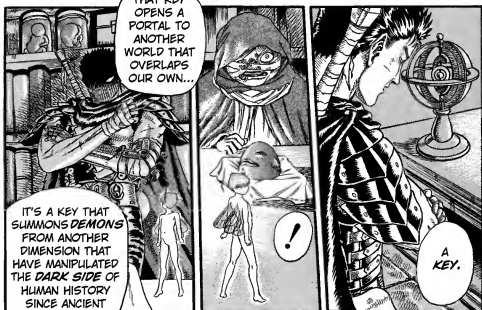
SINCE THEN,
SEVEN YEARS
HAVE PASSED.
DURING THAT TIME,
I'VE TIRELESSLY
RESEARCHED
EVERY ASPECT OF
RELIGION AND THE
OCCULT.

BUT I COULD
NEVER UNCOVER
A SINGLE CLUE
ABOUT THE
NATURE OF
THIS THING.



...THIS
THING...
WHAT IN THE
WORLD
IS IT?

THIS...

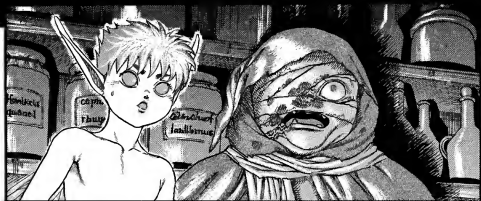


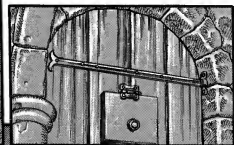
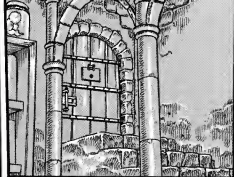
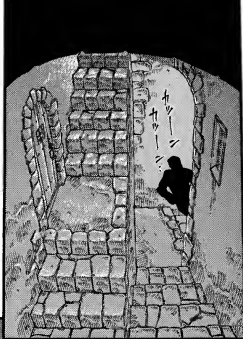
THAT KEY
OPENS A
PORTAL TO
ANOTHER
WORLD THAT
OVERLAPS
OUR OWN...

IT'S A KEY THAT
SUMMONS DEMONS
FROM ANOTHER
DIMENSION THAT
HAVE MANIPULATED
THE DARK SIDE OF
HUMAN HISTORY
SINCE ANCIENT
TIMES.

!

A
KEY.





L-LORD
ZONDARK!

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I'LL
KILL
YOU!

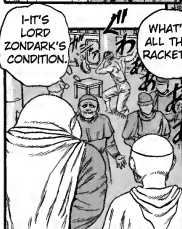
KILL!

ああ

LORD
ZONDARK,
CALM
DOWN,
PLEASE!

EEEEK!

ガラッ
ン





**BLACK
SWORDS-
MAN!
I'LL KILL
YOU!**

**BLACK
SWORDS-
MAN...**

THIS IS
DANGEROUS.
MAY I
SUGGEST
YOU RETURN
TO YOUR
CHAMBERS?

EXCEL-
LENCY
...

HMMMM
...

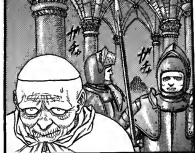
HAVE
EVERYONE
VACATE
THE ROOM
AT ONCE,
DAHL.

B...

WHAT
?

BUT
...

I
SAID
AT
ONCE...



YOU
DESPISE
HIM, DON'T
YOU, THE
BLACK
SWORDS-
MAN?

...!

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ギリ...

VERY
WELL,
THEN...

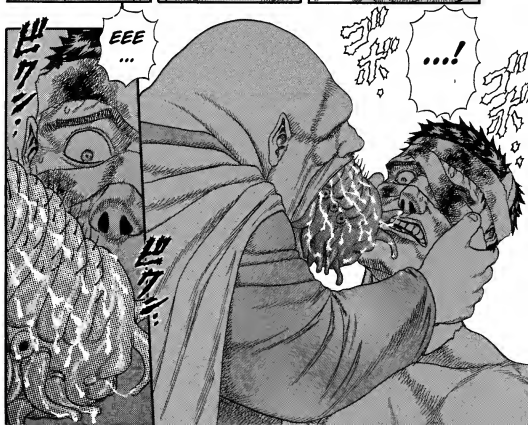
グ
イ.

I'D DO
ANYTHING!
ANYTHING...
TO KILL
HIM!

YES
!!

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ウウウ...

...HA
HA
HA...



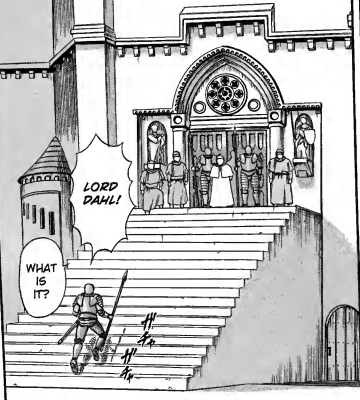


MY
DAEMON.

TAKE
IT
INSIDE
OF
YOU...



ONE OF OUR INFORMERS! HE SAYS HE KNOWS THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE FUGITIVE, THE **BLACK SWORDSMAN!**



AND DON'T FORGET WHAT HAPPENED THIS AFTERNOON. NO MATTER HOW MANY FOOT SOLDIERS WE SEND AFTER HIM, IT'S UNLIKELY THEY'LL BE ABLE TO STOP HIM.

WE LOSE THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE IF YOU SEND TOO MANY MEN TO KILL HIM.

EXCELLENT! TAKE THIRTY TROOPS ALONG WITH YOU AND--



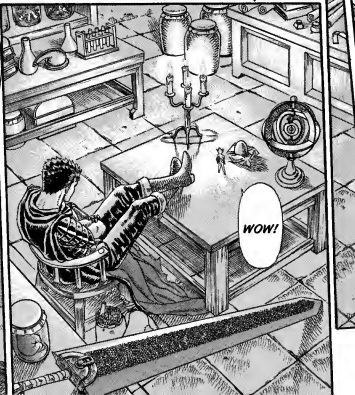
I HAVE A BETTER PLAN...

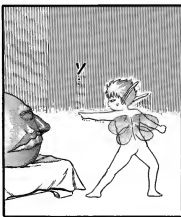
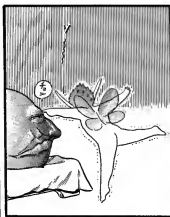
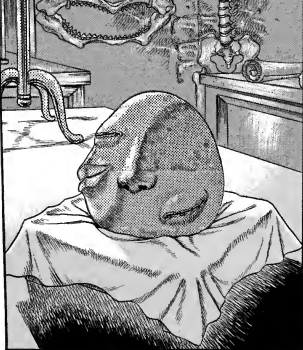
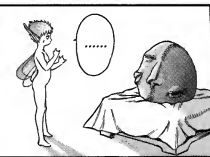
YOUR EXCELLENCY!

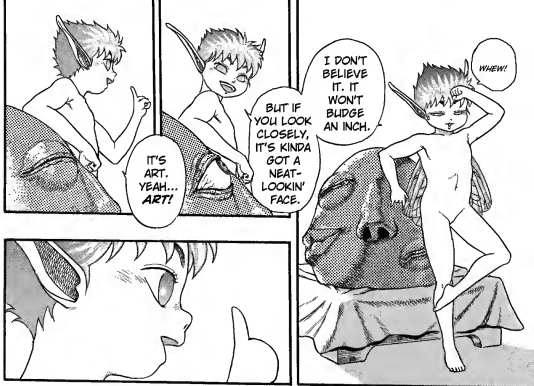
WAIT...

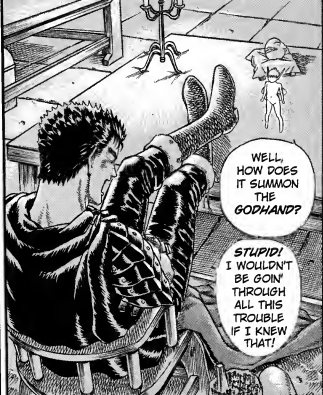




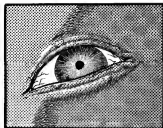
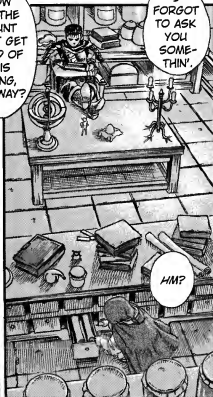








HOW
DID THE
COUNT
GET
HOLD OF
THIS
THING,
ANYWAY?





"ALL THEY SAID
WAS THAT THEY
FOUND IT IN A
TOWN BAZAAR
SOMEWHERE
TO THE EAST."

"EVEN THE
MERCHANTS
KNEW
NOTHING
ABOUT IT."

"HE HAPPENED TO
BUY IT FROM A
CARAVAN OF
MERCHANTS THAT
STOPPED BY THE
CASTLE ONE DAY."

BY
CHANCE.

.....

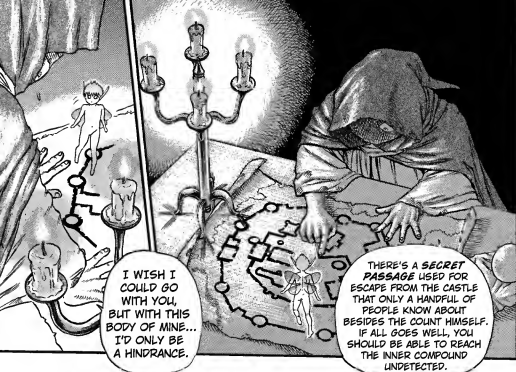


BY
CHANCE?
HMMM...



LOOK
AT THIS.
IT'S A
LAYOUT
MAP
OF THE
CASTLE.









AT LEAST MAKE YOURSELF A LITTLE MORE PRESENT-ABLE!

HAVE YOU SEEN YOURSELF IN THE MIRROR LATELY?



HOW COME
YOU'RE
ALWAYS
PICKIN' ON
PEOPLE LIKE
THAT?!

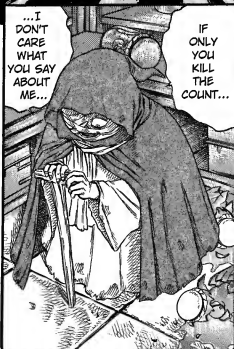


Y-YOU
JERK!!

I-IT'S
OKAY...
I DON'T
MIND...



OLD
FELLA
...



...I
DON'T
CARE
WHAT
YOU SAY
ABOUT
ME...

IF
ONLY
YOU
KILL
THE
COUNT...



SPINE-
LESS
BASTARD.

-HMPH!



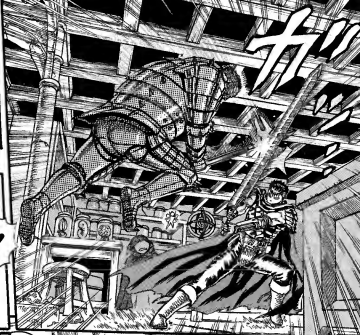




YOU
AGAIN?
TOUGH
BASTARD,
AREN'T
YA?

THE
GUY
FROM
THIS
AFTER-
NOON!









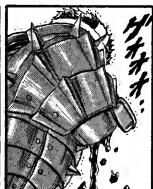
**FOOL...
I'LL HACK
YOU TO
PIECES!**

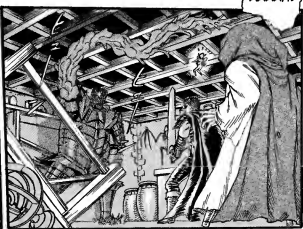
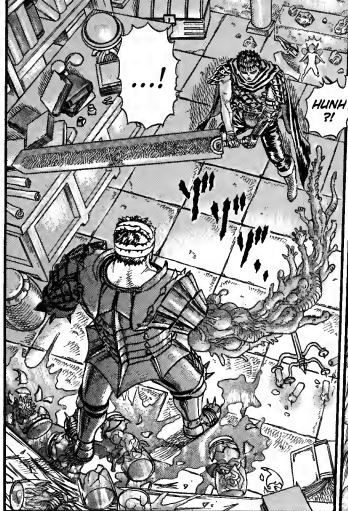


GUTS!





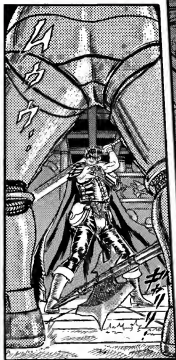




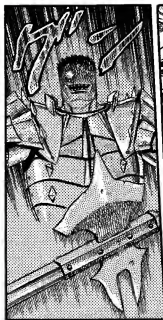








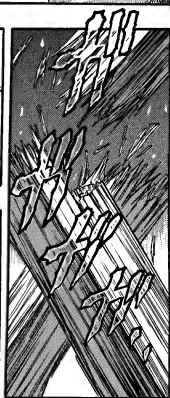
I'LL CHOP
YOU INTO
MINCEMEAT!

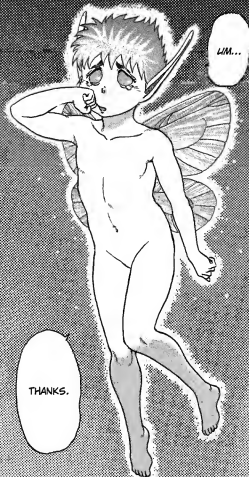


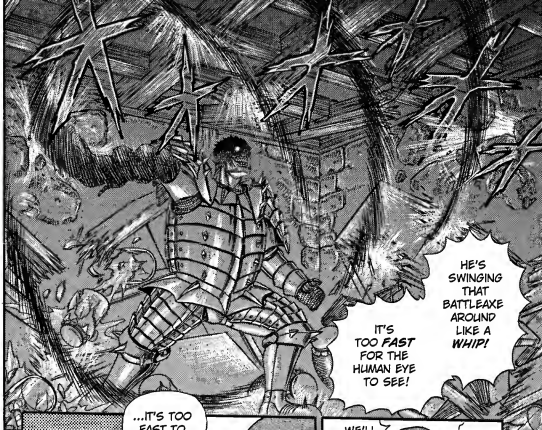












HE'S
SWINGING
THAT
BATTLEAXE
AROUND
LIKE A
WHIP!

IT'S
TOO FAST
FOR THE
HUMAN EYE
TO SEE!

...IT'S TOO
FAST TO
SEE...



...BUT
GUTS IS
BLOCKIN'
EVERY
SINGLE
BLOW...

BUT
THE
THING
IS...

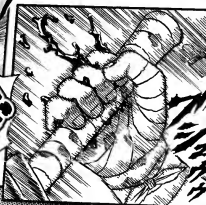
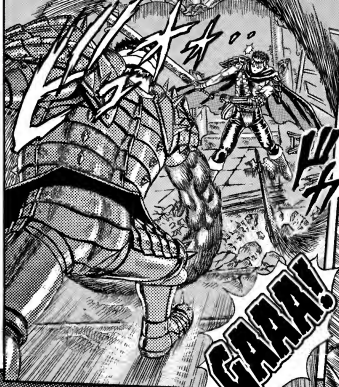


...WE'LL
ALL BE
CHOPPED
TO
BITS!

AT
THIS
RATE...



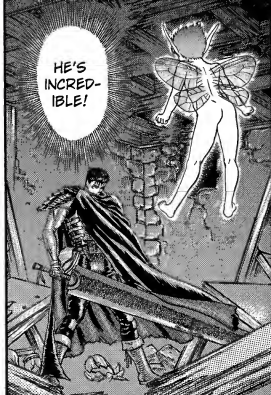










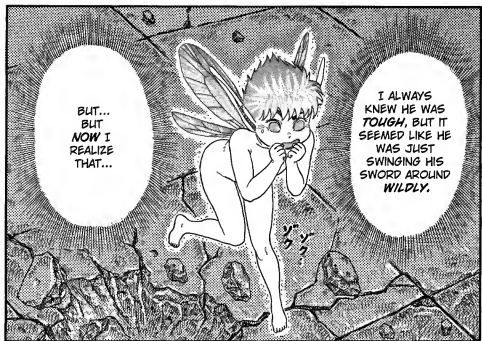
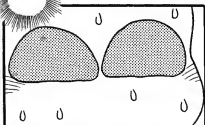


HE'S
INCRED-
IBLE!



...!

HE--

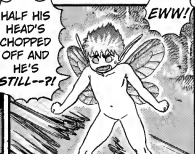


BUT...
BUT
NOW I
REALIZE
THAT...

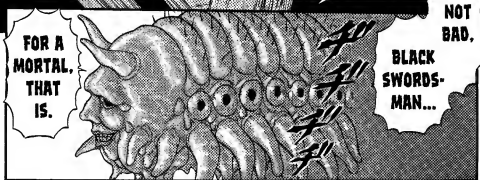
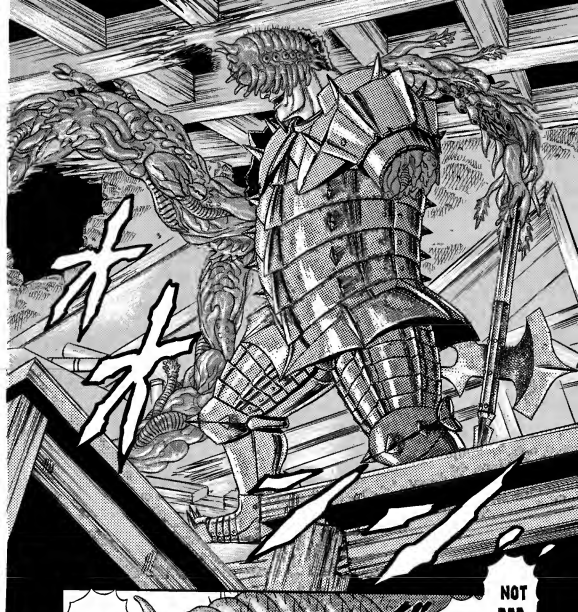
I ALWAYS
KNEW HE WAS
TOUGH, BUT IT
SEEMED LIKE HE
WAS JUST
SWINGING HIS
SWORD AROUND
WILDLY.

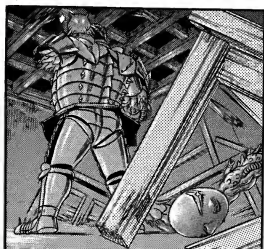
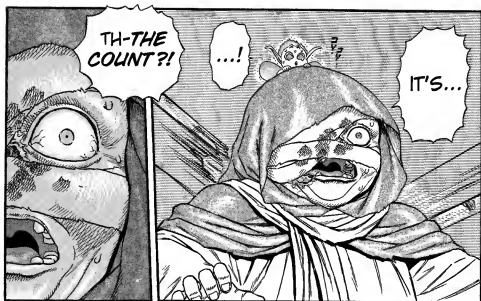


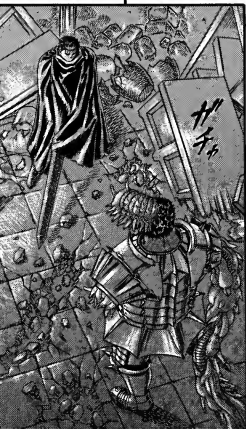
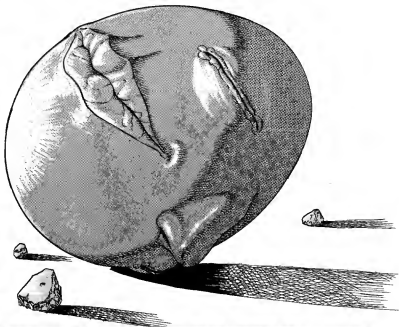
**...HE
...HE'S A
MASTER
SWORDS-
MAN!!**











SO IT IS
YOU...



JUST YOU **WAIT**.
AFTER I TAKE CARE OF HIM,
I'LL BE **DELIGHTED** TO
CONTINUE WHERE WE LEFT
OFF SEVEN YEARS AGO.



...NO
HUMAN
THAT IS.

YOU'VE
HONED YOUR
STRENGTH AND
SKILL TO THE
UTMOST.

TRULY
IMPRES-
SIVE...



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SURELY
NO ONE
CAN
DEFEAT
YOU...



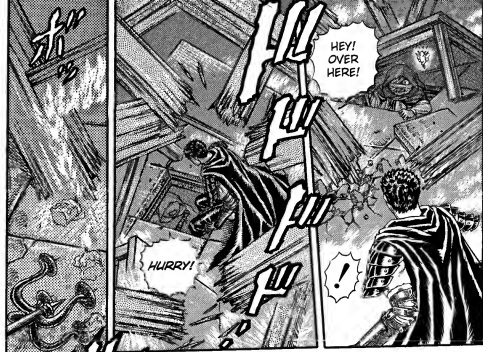
THE
FACT THAT
YOU'RE
MORTAL...



...IS
YOUR
DOWN-
FALL!











BUT
BEFORE
I
GO...

THIS IS
WHERE
WE
PART.



IT WAS FEEDING
OFF THAT GUY UP
THERE, IN TOTAL
CONTROL OF HIS
MIND AND BODY.

ALL THAT
REMAINED
WAS HIS
DESIRE
TO KILL.



C'MON. THINK OF IT
AS DOWN PAYMENT
FOR
KILLING
THE COUNT.



THE
BEHELIT.

...
THERE'S
SOME-
THING
I WANT
FROM
YOU.

THAT
THING'S
OF NO
USE
TO YOU
ANYWAY.



!



LATER.

HEY ...!

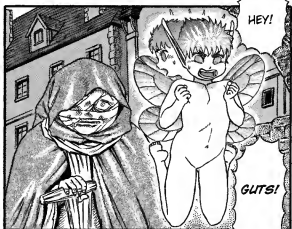


!



I WILL..

AND
YOU TAKE
CARE OF
YOURSELF
TOO,
LITTLE
ONE.



HEY!

GUTS!



OLD
FELLA
...

...TAKE
CARE OF
YERSELF,
OKAY?



.....



UH...
OKAY.

BYE.



AT FIRST
I THOUGHT
YOU WERE
KINDA
CREEPY,
BUT...

YOU'RE
A
GOOD
PERSON,
Y'KNOW
THAT?



...NOW
GO.

THAT'S
OKAY
...



OH...
I'M
SORRY!



...PEOPLE
NEED
TO
KEEP
LIVING.

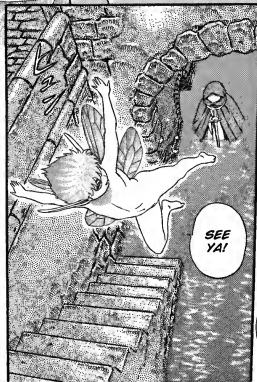
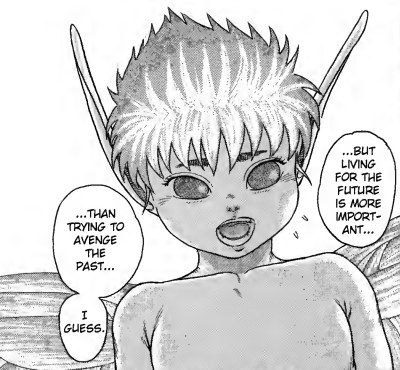
I
THINK
THAT...
THAT...





OH...
UH...ONE
MORE
THING...

7
12









THAT'S
SO
RUDE!

JUST
TAKING THE
BEHELIT
AND WALKIN'
OFF LIKE
THAT.

AT LEAST
YOU COULDA
SEEN
HIM OFF
SOMEWHERE
SAFE.

LISTEN,
GUTS!



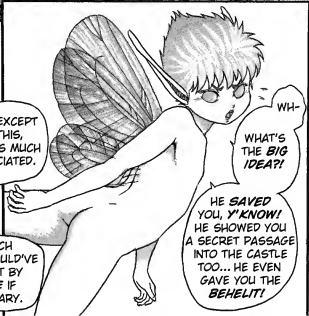
I
COULD'VE
DONE
THOSE
THINGS
MYSELF.

WELL, EXCEPT
FOR THIS,
WHICH IS MUCH
APPRECIATED.



(GULP-
DRE!)

SO MUCH
THAT I WOULD'VE
TAKEN IT BY
FORCE IF
NECESSARY.



WH-

WHAT'S
THE **BIG**
IDEA?!

HE **SAVED**
YOU, Y'KNOW!
HE SHOWED YOU
A SECRET PASSAGE
INTO THE CASTLE
TOO... HE EVEN
GAVE YOU THE
BEHELIT!



YOU'RE
ALLIES,
AFTER
ALL!

B...

BUT...
BUT...

...BOTH
OF YOU
WANNA
DESTROY
THE COUNT,
RIGHT?



I CAN'T BE
BOTHERED BY
SOME GOOD-
FOR-NOTHIN'
BASTARD
ACTING LIKE
WE'RE
FRIENDS.

HE'LL
END UP
DRAGGIN'
ME DOWN
WITH HIM.



HA- HA!
HA- HA!
HA- HA!

ALLIES?!
ME AND
HIM?!

...!

EVEN WHEN
HE BEGGED
ME, I TURNED
HIM DOWN.
THAT
MAGGOTY
CREEP.

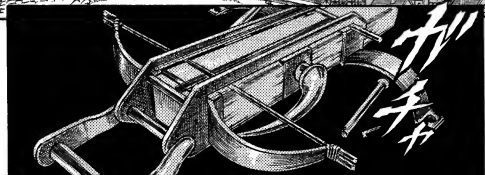
YOU'RE
KIDDING
ME,
RIGHT?

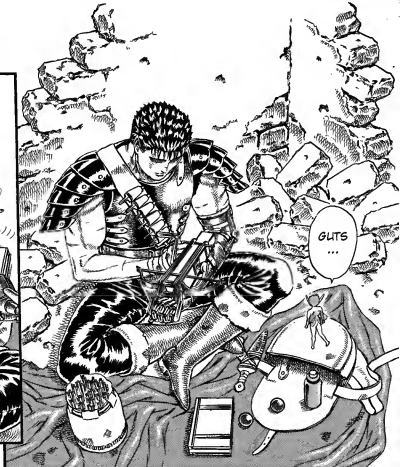
HOW
COULD
YOU?!

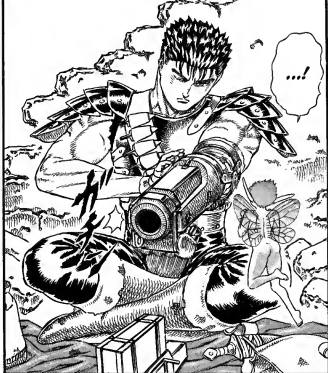
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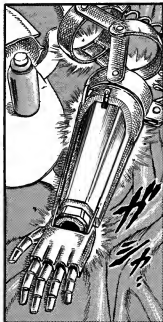
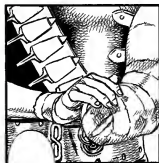
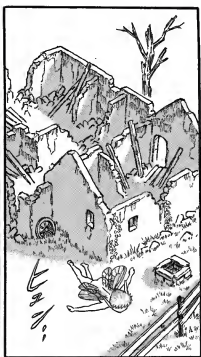


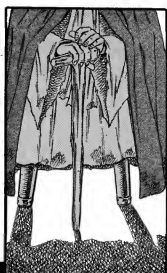








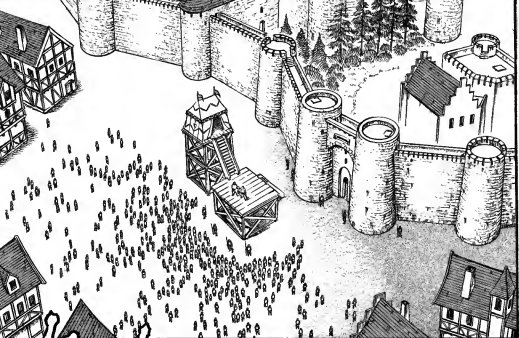




...
**AVENGE
ME!!**

PLEASE
...







WHAT
ARE YOU
GLARING
AT?

HO
HO!



YOUR MAJESTY,
THE **OBJECT** YOU
MENTIONED IS
NOWHERE TO BE
FOUND.



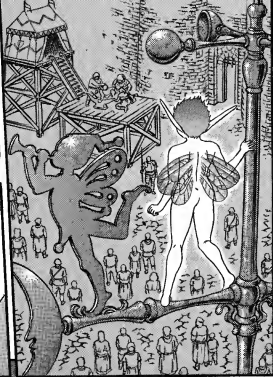
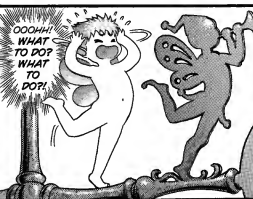
NORMALLY, WE'D NEED
TO GIVE YOU A PAINSTAKING
INTERROGATION...BUT I'VE DECIDED
TO GET IT OVER WITH AND
EXECUTE YOU RIGHT AWAY.
YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL.



SO THE
**BLACK
SWORDS-**
MAN
HAS IT...

I
SEE.







10/10
5/10
THERE
IS SOME
GOOD
IN YOU!



--PANT--
--PANT--
...

SO,
WHADDYA
GONNA
DO?

YOU
BETTER
HURRY
UP OR
THE OLD
FELLA'S
GONNA...



I
KNEW
YOU'D
COME!!

...!



...TO
WATCH
HIM
DIE.

I
JUST
CAME
TO
WATCH...

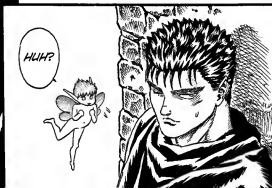


...YOU
GOT IT
ALL
WRONG!

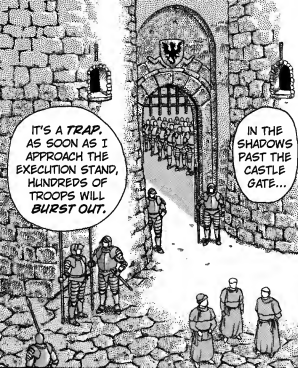


YOU
...

...!



HUH?



IT'S A TRAP.
AS SOON AS I
APPROACH THE
EXECUTION STAND,
HUNDREDS OF
TROOPS WILL
BURST OUT.

IN THE
SHADOWS
PAST THE
CASTLE
GATE...



LOOK.



IF
YOU'RE
SO
WORRIED
ABOUT
IT...

...WHY
DON'T
YOU
SAVE
'IM?



YOU THINK
I'M SO
NOBLE THAT
I'LL JUST
WALK RIGHT
INTO THEIR
TRAP?



-GULP!-



BUT
...

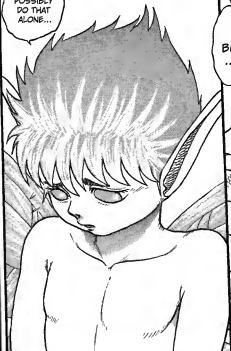
BUT...



...I
COULDN'T
POSSIBLY
DO THAT
ALONE...

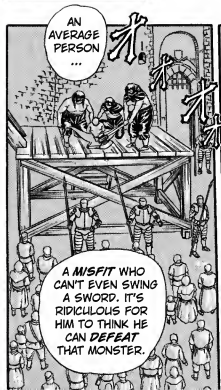


THEN
SHUT
UP.



.....
BUT
....

トシ



AN
AVERAGE
PERSON
...

A MISFIT WHO
CAN'T EVEN SWING
A SWORD. IT'S
RIDICULOUS FOR
HIM TO THINK HE
CAN DEFEAT
THAT MONSTER.



.....



THE
SAME
GOES
FOR
HIM.



AMBITION
COMES
WITH A
PRICE
ATTACHED.

OF COURSE,
THAT PRICE
COMES TOO
HIGH IF YOU
DIE FOR
NOTHING.

NOT...
NOT AGAIN!
LIKE
BEFORE...

AAA...



...HIS
EMOTIONS
ARE POURING
INTO ME!

...IS
SELF-
DESTRU-
CTION!

THE
REWARD
FOR
AMBITION
TOO
GREAT...



...!



IS
THIS...

DARK AND
VIOLENT
EMOTIONS,
POUNDING
INTO ME!
SELF-HATING,
DESTRUCTIVE...

IT
BURNS!



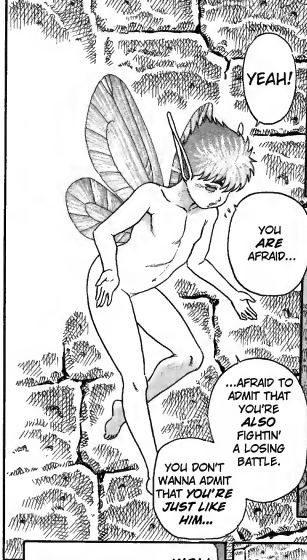
BURNING
LIKE
BLACK
MAGMA!



...THE
SOURCE
OF GUTS'
STRENGTH?!

IS
THIS...





YEAH!

YOU
ARE
AFRAID...

...AFRAID TO
ADMIT THAT
YOU'RE
ALSO
FIGHTIN'
A LOSING
BATTLE.

YOU DON'T
WANNA ADMIT
THAT YOU'RE
JUST LIKE
HIM...



WHAT'RE
YOU
TALKIN'
ABOUT?

...!

.....



...FIGHTING
ENEMIES
HE CAN'T
POSSIBLY
DEFEAT.

THE
OLD
FELLA...

YOU'RE
AFRAID
OF HIM,
AREN'T
YOU?



...WELL THEN
WHY'D YOU
COME HERE?!

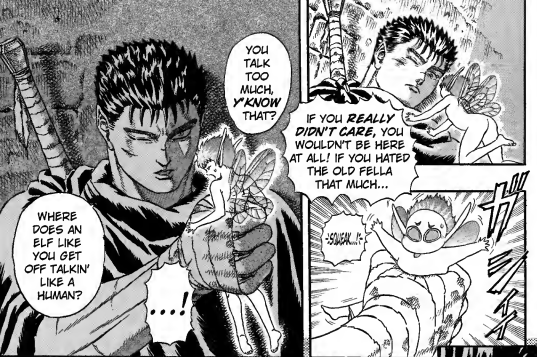
WELL
...

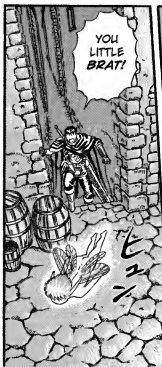


~BAH!~

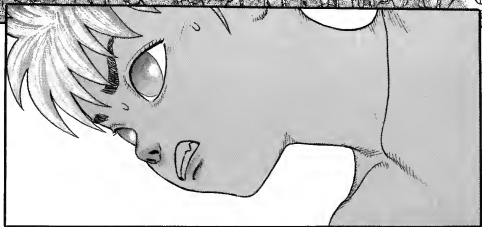
...!











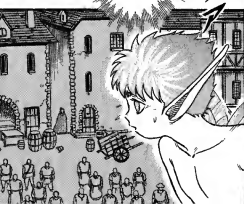
FEAR,
ANGER,
SADNESS,
GUILT...

...THE HYSTERIA
OF HUNDREDS
OF PEOPLE,
SWIRLING
AROUND INSIDE
OF ME!

MY
HEAD IS
SPLITTING!



OLD
FELLA!





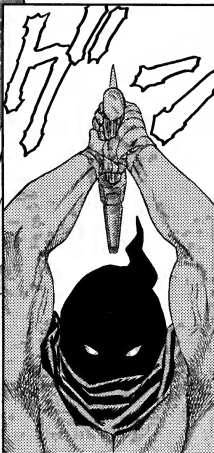
-LIGH-

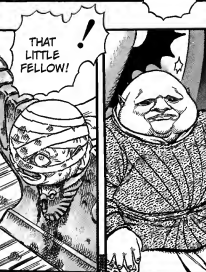




-LUUUUIGH!!-

SHOULD
I...?





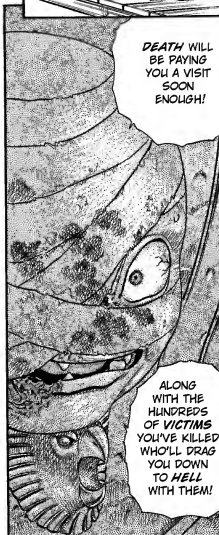


WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?
GET ON
WITH IT!

YES
SIR!!



STUPID
...



DEATH WILL
BE PAYING
YOU A VISIT
SOON
ENOUGH!



IT'S A
SHAME...



WHAT'S
THAT
SUPPOSED
TO MEAN?

ALONG
WITH THE
HUNDREDS
OF VICTIMS
YOU'VE KILLED
WHO'LL DRAG
YOU DOWN
TO HELL
WITH THEM!

...THAT I
WON'T BE
AROUND TO
ENJOY THE
SIGHT OF YOU
CHOKING IN
YOUR OWN
BLOOD.



**I
BEG
OF
YOU!!**

**BLACK
SWORDS-
MAN!!**



**FINISH
HIM
OFF.**

**NON-
SENSE
...**



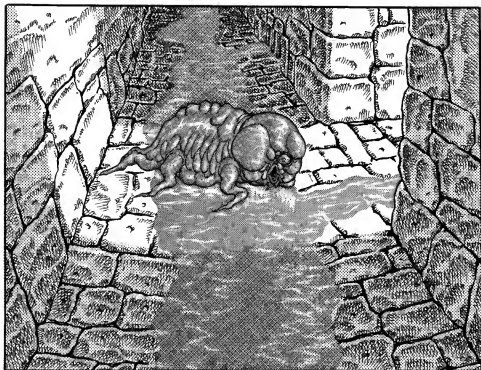
**HOLD UP
THIS DEVIL'S
SEVERED HEAD
BEFORE US,
ONCE AND
FOR ALL!**

**HOLD
IT UP
BEFORE
US!**







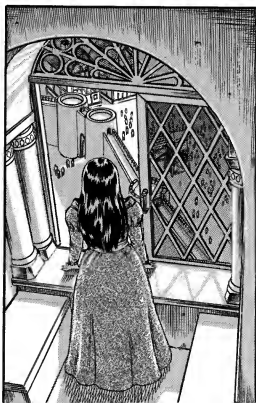
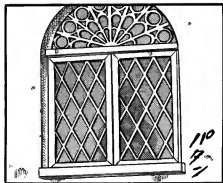


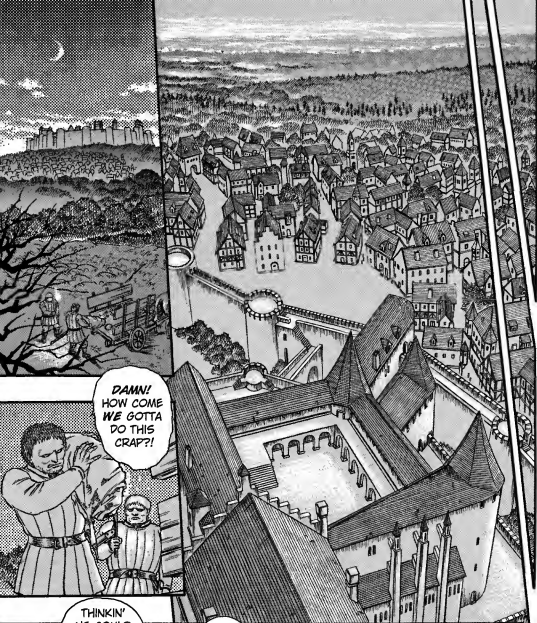




DIDN'T SHOW
UP AFTER
ALL, DID YOU,
**BLACK
SWORDSMAN?**
WELL DONE.

OR
MAYBE...





DAMN!
HOW COME
WE GOTTA
DO THIS
CRAP?!



THINKIN'
HE COULD
TAKE ON THE
COUNT.

WHAT
A
FOOL!

FORGET
ABOUT
IT.

NOT THAT I
CARE, BUT THE
CORPSES ARE
PRACTICALLY
POURIN'
OUTTA
THIS PIT.







I
WON'T
FAIL...

...LIKE
YOU.



THE
LOOK
IN YOUR
EYES...





...FILLED
WITH
VEN-
GEANCE.



I'M IN PAIN...
PAINNNNN!

MY LEGGGGG!

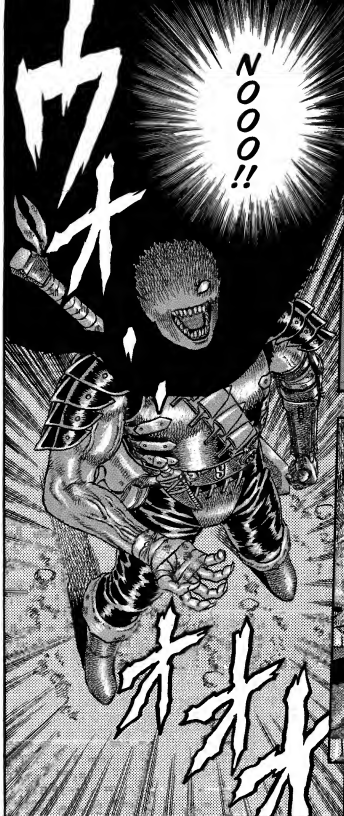
I WANT MY HEAD BACK!

I CAN'T SEE!!!!!!
MY EYESSSS!

GIVE IT BACK TO MEEEE!

IT HURTS...
IT HURTS!!







...!

NEVER
...



-HAHK-

-HAHK-



**YOU AND
I GOT
NOTHING IN
COMMON!**

NEVER!!



**GET
AWAY
FROM
ME,
CARCAS-
SES!!**

**YOU'RE
NOTHING
BUT
WORTHLESS
SCUM!**

**YOU'RE
DEAD,
ALL OF
YOU!**



**THIS
IS MY
FIGHT!**

**MINE, A
PERSON
OF FLESH
AND
BLOOD!**



THAT'S
RIGHT!



I'LL KILL
THE COUNT
WITH MY
VERY OWN
FLESH
AND
BLOOD.

I'LL
DO IT
MYSELF!

THE GUARDIANS OF DESIRE (2): END





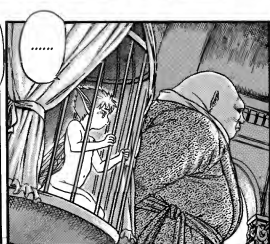
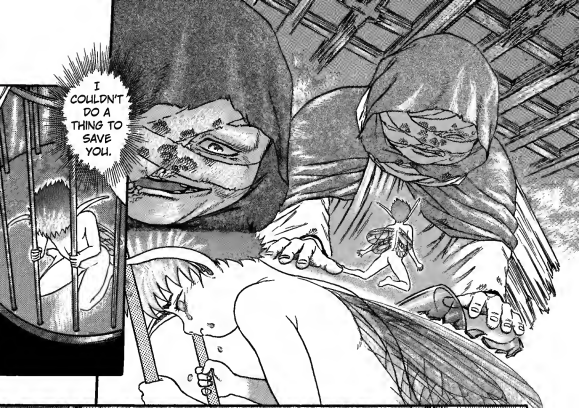


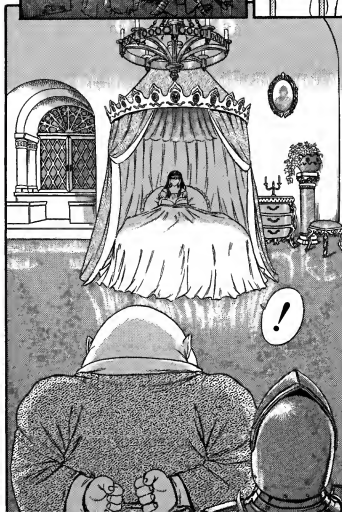
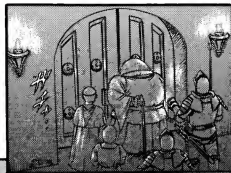
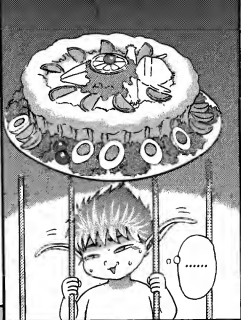
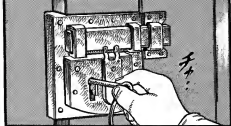
欲望の守護天使(3)

THE GUARDIANS OF DESIRE, CHAPTER 3



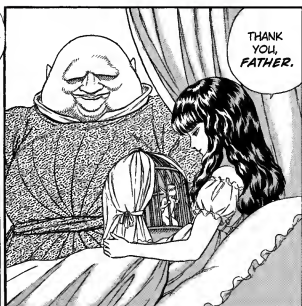




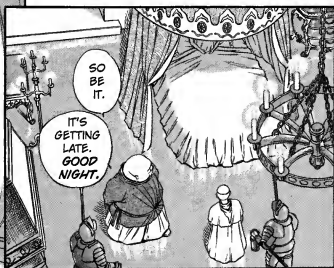


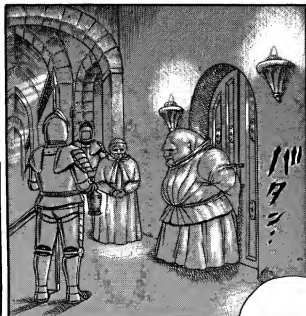






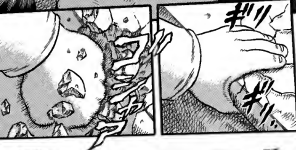
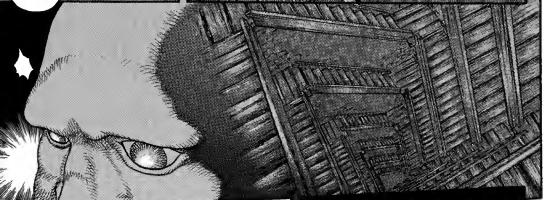
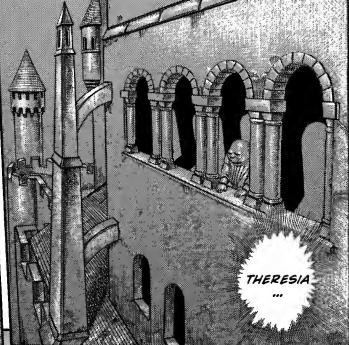






LEAVE
ME BE!









I'VE BEEN
WAITING
FOR YOU...

...BLACK
SWORDS-
MAN!!



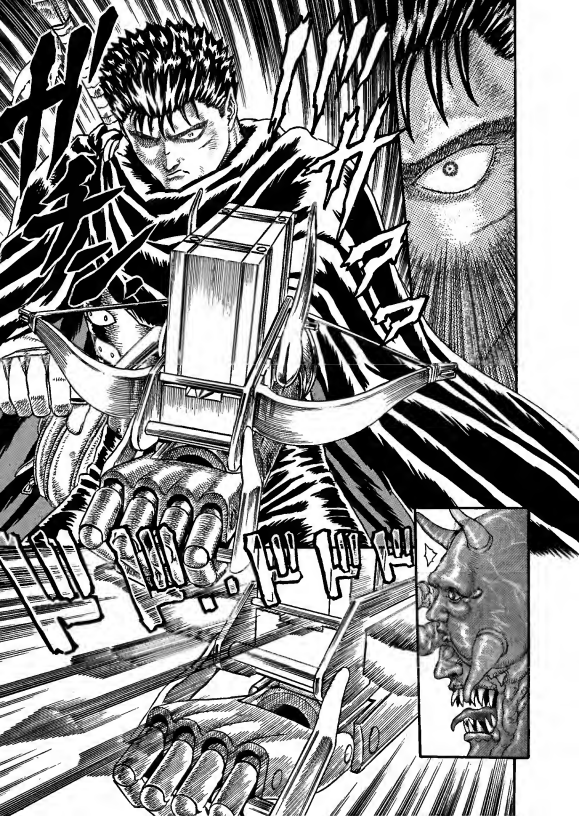


YOU'RE MUCH
PRETTIER
THAN THE
LAST TIME
I SAW
YOU.



NO MORE GAMES.
THIS TIME THERE'S
NOWHERE
TO RUN!









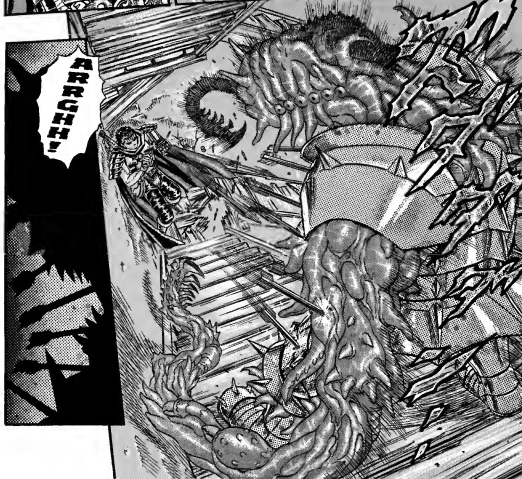
GGGHHH

...



AGAAGH-
GAHH...















...I'LL JUST
KEEP ON
REGENER-
ATING
MYSELF!!

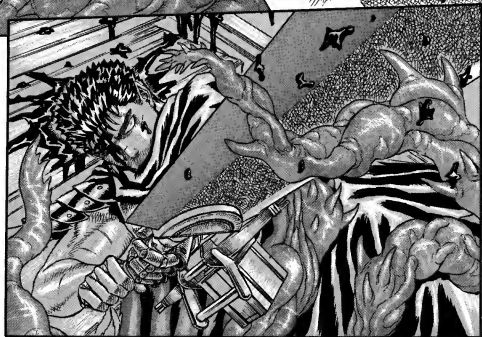
HEH...
HEH
HEH...

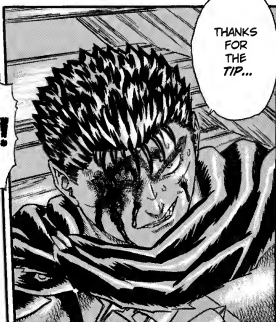
IT'S FUTILE,
NO MATTER
HOW MUCH
YOU CHOP
ME UP!

NO MATTER
HOW MUCH
YOU HACK UP THIS
POSSESSED
BODY...

...UNLESS
YOU CUT
OFF MY
HEAD...

OVER
AND
OVER
AGAIN!!

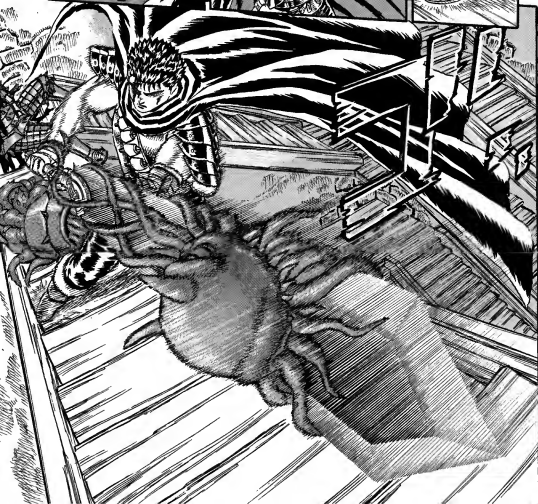




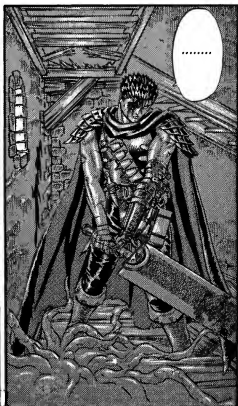
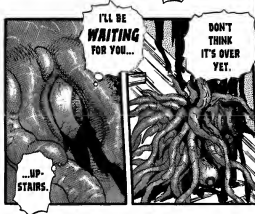




WHA
...?!











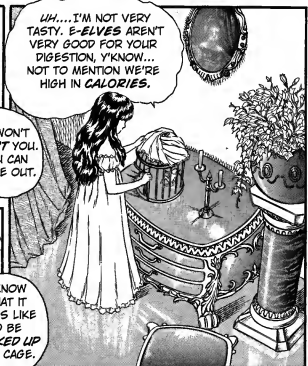


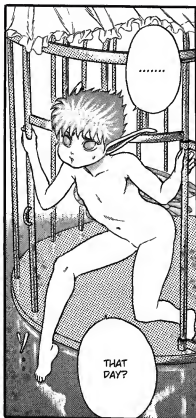
UH....I'M NOT VERY TASTY. E-ELVES AREN'T VERY GOOD FOR YOUR DIGESTION, Y'KNOW... NOT TO MENTION WE'RE HIGH IN **CALORIES**.

I WON'T HURT YOU. YOU CAN COME OUT.



I KNOW WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO BE LOCKED UP IN A CAGE.







ONE DAY THEY
KIDNAPPED
MOTHER AND
THREATENED TO
KILL HER IF FATHER
DIDN'T LET THEM
PRACTICE THEIR
PAGAN WORSHIP
FREELY.

...IN THOSE
DAYS THERE
WAS A SECT OF
HERETICS AT
LARGE WHO
OPPOSED
MY FATHER.



I WAS
JUST A
BABY THEN,
SO I DON'T
REMEMBER
ANYTHING.

BUT
THIS IS
WHAT
FATHER
TOLD
ME...



FATHER,
OF COURSE,
COULDN'T ALLOW
THAT WITHOUT
PERMISSION FROM
THE KING, SO HE
REFUSED THEIR
DEMANDS...



.....

MOTHER...

...AND THEY
CARRIED
OUT THEIR
THREAT.





...AS AN
OFFERING
TO THEIR
EVIL GOD.

MOTHER
WAS
SACRIFICED
ALIVE...



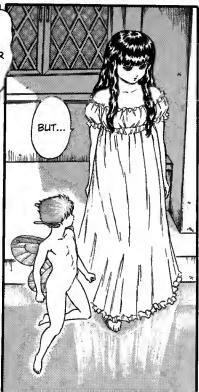
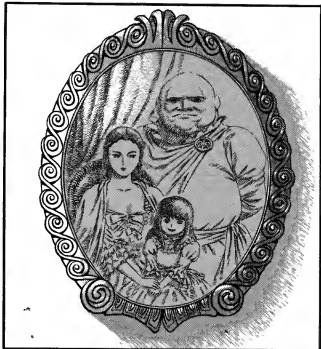
HE MAY HAVE BEEN
HARSH, BUT THAT
WAS SO HE COULD
DEFEND HIS KINGDOM
AGAINST NEIGHBORING
ENEMIES. HE WAS
TRUSTED AND LOVED
BY ALL...



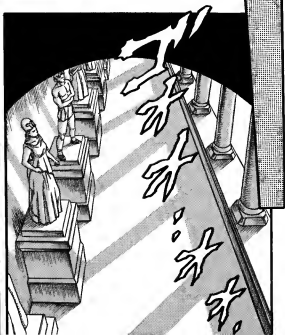
FATHER
WAS A
GREAT
RULER.

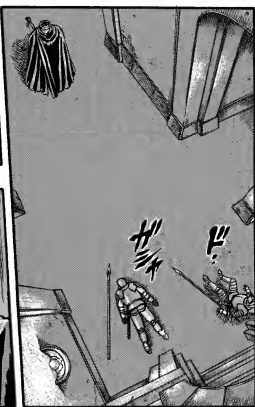
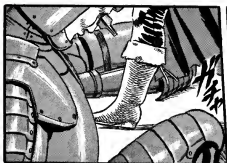
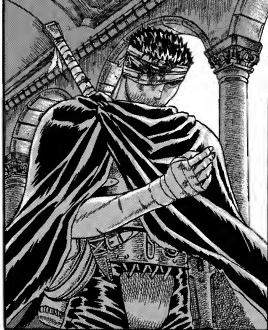


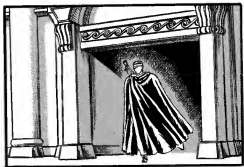
...EVEN
AS A
FATHER.

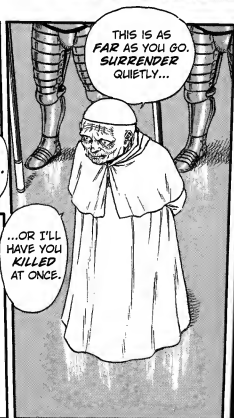
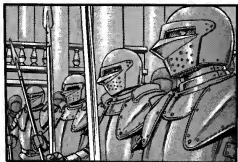
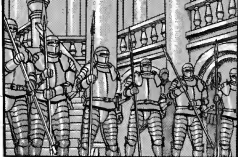
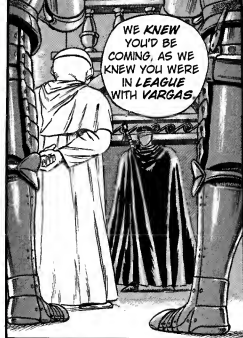


IT'S ALMOST
AS IF HE
ENJOYS
HURTING
PEOPLE....!!











YOU'RE
IN MY
WAY!
MOVE!



FIRE
AT
WILL!

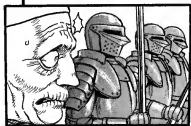
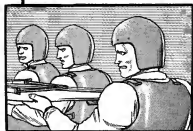
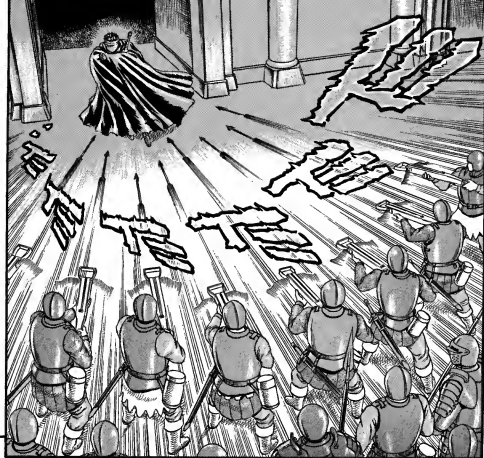
FIRE!!

ARCHERS!

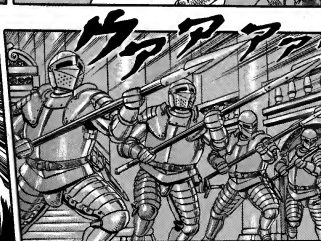


F-FOOL! YOU
THINK YOU CAN
TAKE ON FIFTY
TROOPS
YOURSELF?!

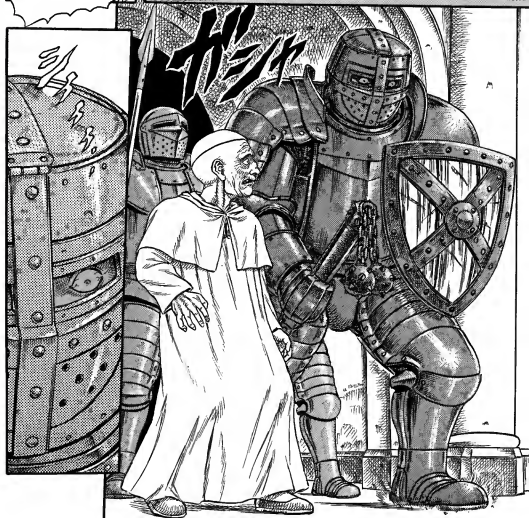
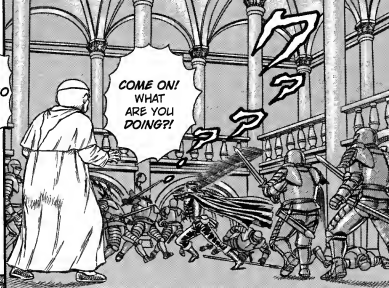




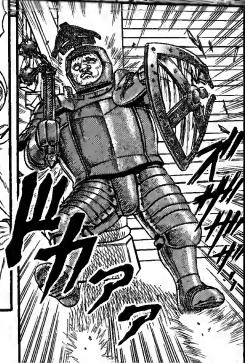
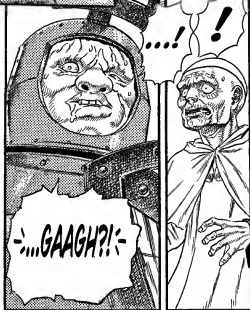
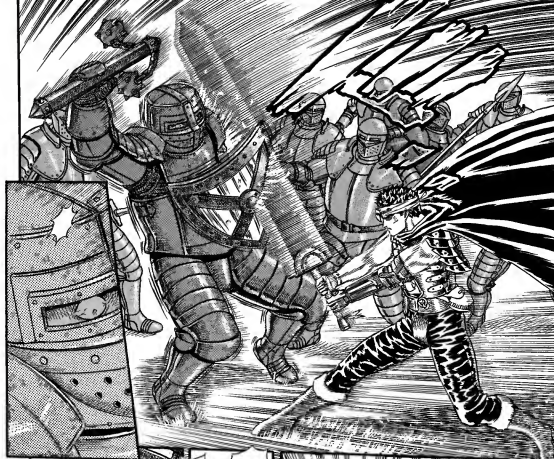


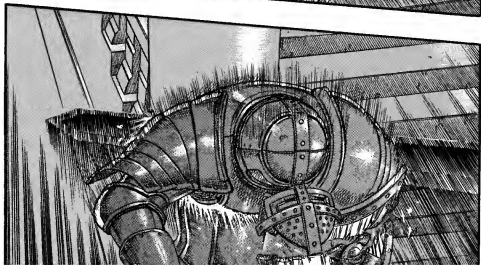
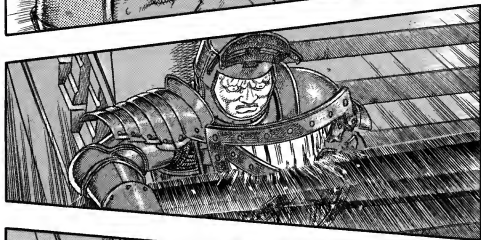
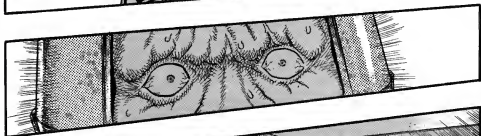




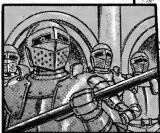












W-WAIT!
WHERE DO YOU
THINK YOU'RE
GOING,
FOOLS?!

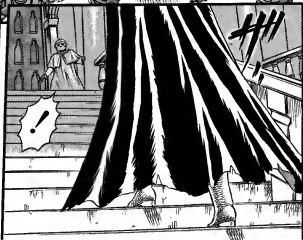


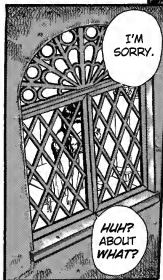
COME
BACK!

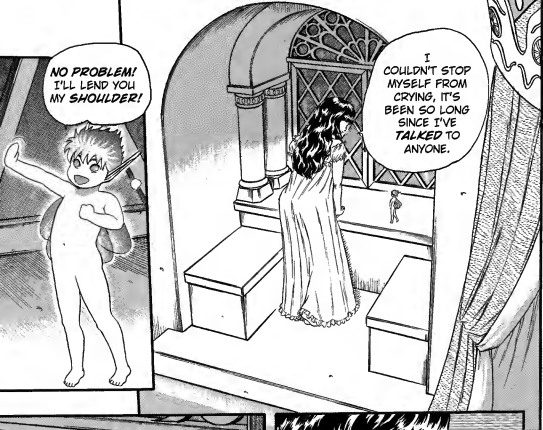
I'M
WARN-
ING
YOU!

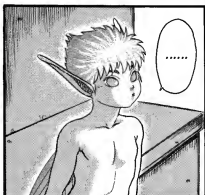
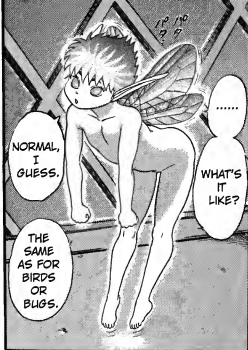


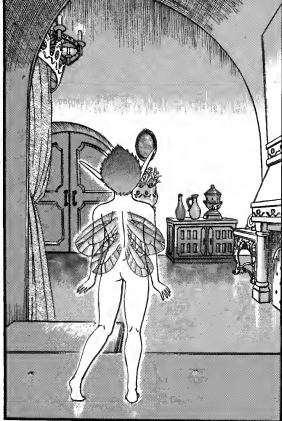
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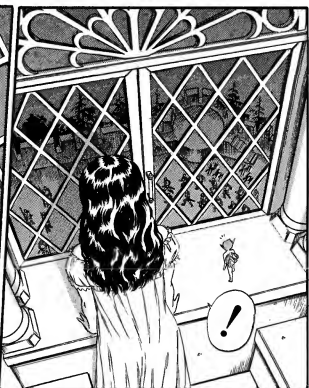
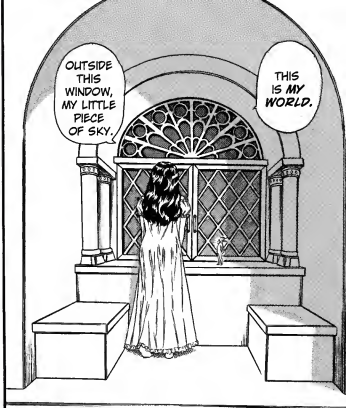


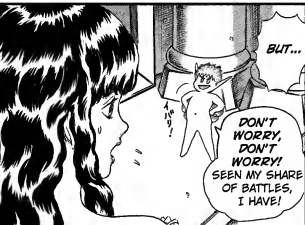














...IT'S
NATURAL
THAT YOU
WOULD
WORRY
ABOUT
YOUR
FRIEND.



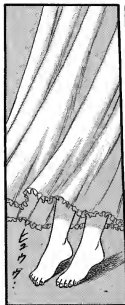
WELL,
HE'S NOT
EXACTLY
MY FRIEND...

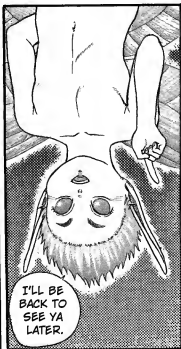
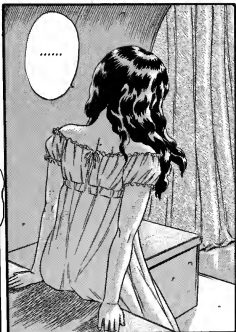


OF
COURSE
...









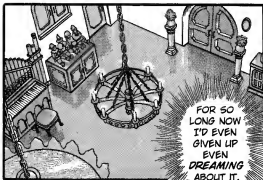


ALRIGHTY
THEN!
SEE YA
SOON!

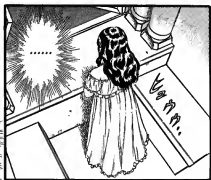


EH?

AND THEN
I'LL TAKE
YOU
OUTTA
HERE.



FOR SO
LONG NOW
I'D EVEN
GIVEN UP
EVEN
DREAMING
ABOUT IT.



...THIS
ROOM?

TO
ACTUALLY
LEAVE...

**...OUT-
SIDE?!**

**TO
GO...**

**AND
HE
HIM-
SELF...**

**FOR
REVENGE ON
THE HERETICS
WHO ROBBED
HIM OF THE
WOMAN
HE
LOVED?!**

**IS THAT
WHY THE
COUNT
ACQUIRED
DEMONIC
POWERS?**

**HE
SUMMONED
THE
GODHAND...**

**...BECAME
A
DEMON
?!**





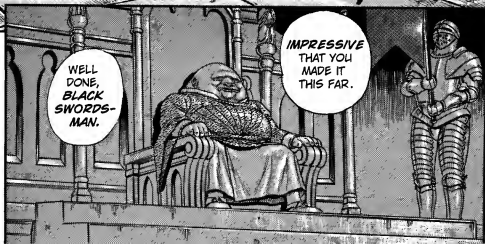
COME NOW
AND TEST
ME. LET'S
SEE JUST
HOW FAR
HUMAN
POWER
WILL GO!

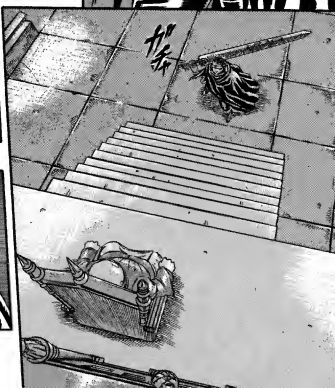
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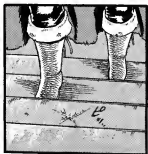


WELL
DONE,
BLACK
SWORDS-
MAN.

IMPRESSIVE
THAT YOU
MADE IT
THIS FAR.







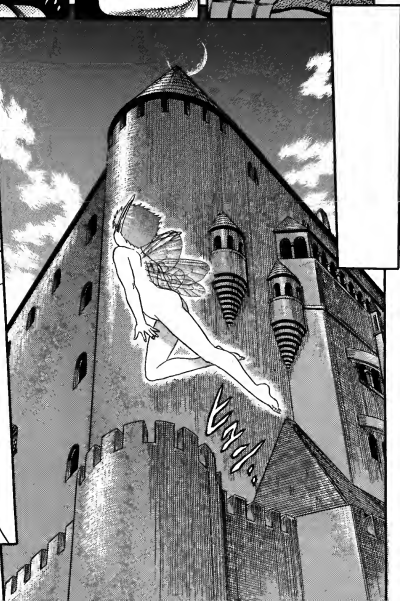


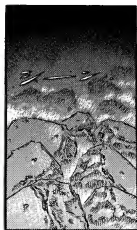
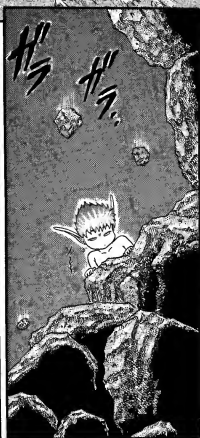


NICELY
COUNTERED.







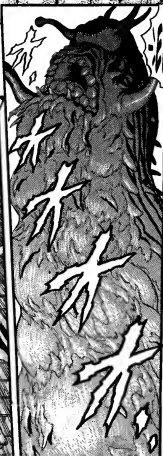














NOW YOU
UNDER-
STAND...



KEH
KEH
...



KEH
...



EACH TIME
YOU CUT THEM
OFF, MY BODY
BECOMES
STRONGER!

...IT'S **FUTILE.**
NO MATTER HOW
MANY TIMES YOU
CHOP OFF MY
ARMS AND LEGS!



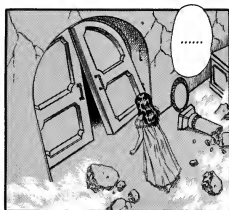
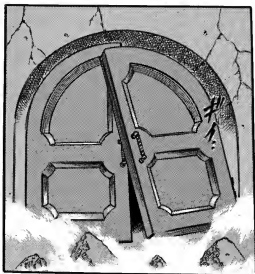
A MERE
SWORD CAN'T
POSSIBLY
DESTROY
ME!

ズ!!

IT GROWS
BIGGER AND
BIGGER!





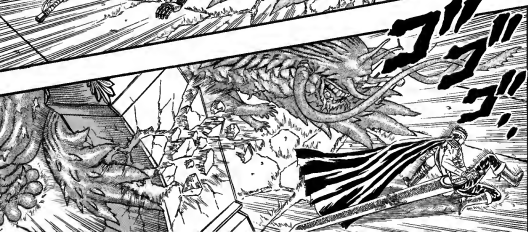


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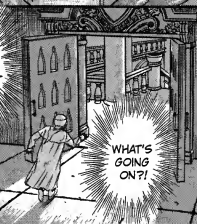
WHERE
ARE
YOU?!

WHAT HAPPENED TO
THAT **VIGOROUS**
ONSLAUGHT OF
YOURS?! DID YOU FINALLY
REALIZE THAT YOU
HAVE **NO CHANCE** OF
WINNING AND DECIDE
TO **RUN AWAY**?!

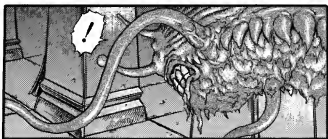
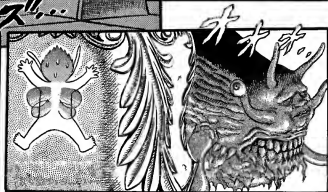
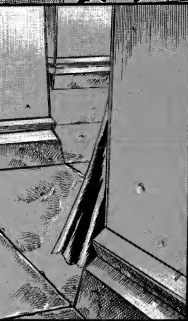
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THIS
CAN'T
BE
HAPPEN-
ING!



WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!





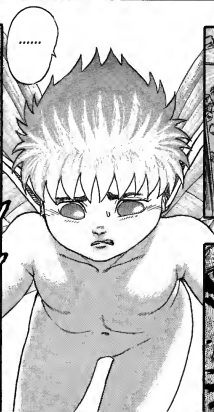
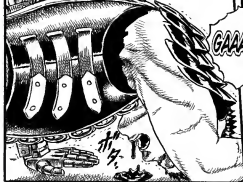


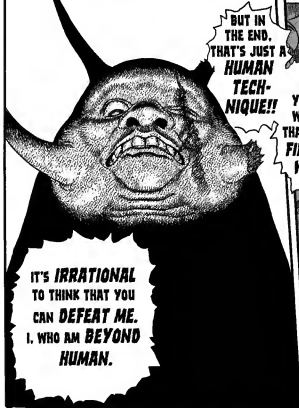


JUST A
SURFACE
WOUND!







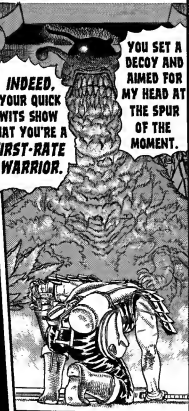


BUT IN
THE END,
THAT'S JUST A
**HUMAN
TECH-
NIQUE!!**

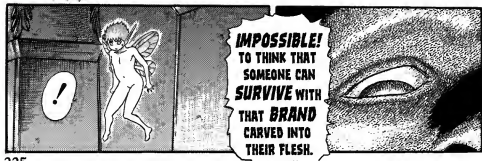
IT'S **IRRATIONAL**
TO THINK THAT YOU
CAN **DEFEAT ME.**
I, WHO AM **BEYOND**
HUMAN.

INDEED,
YOUR QUICK
WITS SHOW
THAT YOU'RE A
**FIRST-RATE
WARRIOR.**

YOU SET A
DECOY AND
AIMED FOR
MY HEAD AT
THE SPUR
OF THE MOMENT.



THE
BRAND
ON YOUR
NECK ...



IMPOSSIBLE!
TO THINK THAT
SOMEONE CAN
SURVIVE WITH
THAT **BRAND**
CARVED INTO
THEIR FLESH.



BUT OF
COURSE YOU'LL
NEVER WIN,
A MERE
MORTAL
LIKE
YOURSELF.

REVENGE,
IS THAT IT?



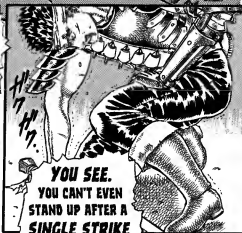
....!

YOU SHOULD PUT AN
END TO IT NOW.
I WILL **RELEASE**
YOU FROM YOUR
SUFFERING.



THAT'S
RIGHT
...

...IT'S A
MEANING-
LESS
FIGHT!



YOU SEE.
YOU CAN'T EVEN
STAND UP AFTER A
SINGLE STRIKE
FROM ME.

...THERE'S NO
NEED FOR YOU TO
CONTINUE YOUR
WAR OF PAIN
AND FEAR.

IT'S NOT
WORTH BEING
CONSTANTLY
HOUNDED
BY DEMONS,
CHOPPED
TO
PIECES...



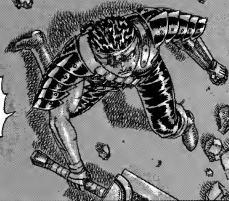
**BACK TO WHERE
YOU BELONG.
YOUR FINAL RESTING
PLACE IN HELL.**

**I WILL
DISPATCH
YOU, ONCE
AND FOR
ALL.**



**IT WAS ALREADY
PRE-ORDAINED
THE MOMENT THE
BRAND WAS
CARVED INTO
YOUR NECK.**

...!!



**...BY
MAN'S
EFFORTS.**

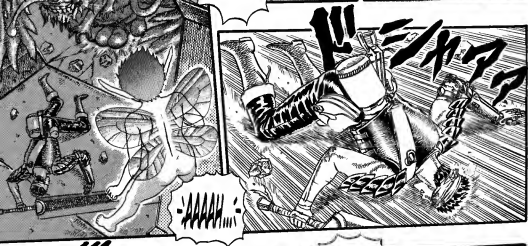
**DIVINE
PROVIDENCE
CANNOT BE
THWARTED...**

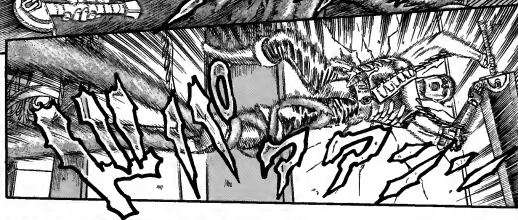


YOU CAN DIE
PROUDLY NOW,
KNOWING THAT
AT LEAST YOU
INFLICTED
ONE BLOW
UPON ME.

LOOK
OUT!













HEH
HEH
HEH...

TO BE CONTINUED

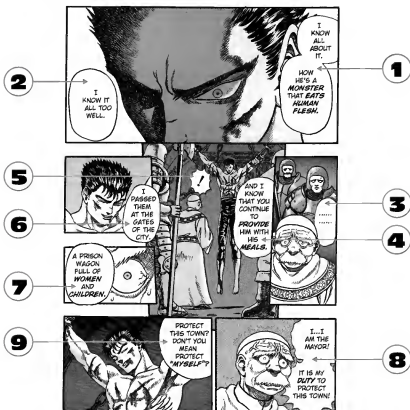


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STOP

This is the back of the book!

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